

3. The systems as defined in claim 1, wherein the predetermined area is expanded about a center at the contact position of the probe.

4. A touch sensitive user interface system including:  
a display screen for displaying a plurality of images  
representative of selectable options;

5 said display screen having associated closely there-  
with a plurality of light source and light detector  
pairs arranged with respect to the display screen  
and defining an array of detection cells thereover,  
said light sources and light detector pairs arranged  
to detect impingement of a probe at one or more of  
said detection cells defined thereby, and produce a  
detection signal indicative of impingement and the  
location thereof;

15 control logic, providing correspondence between  
one or more detection cells and selectable options,  
defining for each image representative of a select-  
able option a group of cells at which contact with  
the probe selects the option; and

said control logic, responsive to detection of impinge-  
ment at a first group of cells, expanding the number  
of cells in said first group having correspondence  
to a first selectable option, to allow selection  
thereof without contacting any adjacent contact  
areas, and upon completion of option selection,  
returning the expanded contact areas to said prede-  
termined size.

10 5. The system as defined in claim 4 wherein a plural-  
ity of selectable options generally near the first selected  
option, each have a corresponding number of detection  
cells prior to probe contact, and said control logic,  
responsive to detection by the touch sensitive means at  
the first contact area, expands the number of detection  
cells corresponding to each of said selectable options to  
allow selection of any thereof without contacting any  
other contact areas.

6. The systems as defined in claim 4, wherein the  
predetermined number of cells is expanded about a  
center at the contact position of the probe.

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